

# McPherson County Board Minutes



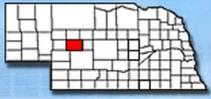
## MCPHERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

FEBRUARY 10, 2021

The McPherson County Board of Commissioners met as per adjournment of January 13, 2021, for their regular monthly meeting. Notice of meeting having been published in the Stapleton Enterprise, issue dated February 4, 2021. Vice-Chairman Arensdorf called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Board members John Bryant and Jeff Arensdorf were present. Also present were Highway Superintendent Tom Werblow, Road Worker Ed Black, Sheriff Tom Burch, County Attorney Whitney Lindstedt and County Clerk Kathy Hoberg. Vice-Chairman Arensdorf noted the Open Meetings Law Poster which is posted in the courtroom. Bryant made a motion to excuse Commissioner Brett Nason due to illness. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Bryant moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Nason.

Bryant made a motion to approve the following claims as presented. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Nason.

<b>GENERAL</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Payroll	Wages	24,382.83
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	1,345.89
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance	5,083.64
John Bryant	Mileage	103.60
Billie Burch	Supplies	12.35
Custer Public Power	Utilities	710.91
DAS St. Accounting	Data Processing	84.32
Fastenal Company	Supplies	34.24
Great Plains Comm	Phone/Internet	518.34
Great Plains Comm	Emergency Mgnt	69.99
Kathy Hoberg	Mileage/Supplies	63.32
Ideal Linen	Supplies	98.66
IRS	County Share SS/Med	1,820.77
Lincoln County Treasurer	Extension Contract	1,737.74
Whitney Lindstedt	Mileage	87.36
Loup Basin RC&D	Weed/Dues	200.00
MIPS	Data Processing/Computer	1,090.27
Naco Planning & Zoning	Dues	40.00
NE Assn. County Clerks	Dues	75.00
Neal Oil & Auto	Fuel	407.80
Sandhills RC&D	Dues	100.00
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	263.13
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing/Supplies	440.79
US Bank	Supplies	239.98



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Viaero	Sheriff Phone	81.26
Village of Stapleton	Trash Disposal	2,480.00

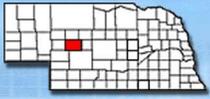
<b>ROAD</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Payroll	Wages	9,827.75
Ameritas	County Share Retirement	595.87
Beveridge Inc.	Ash, Clay, Hauling	3,076.28
Blue Cross	County Share Insurance	2,027.44
Carhart Lumber Co.	Supplies	123.40
Croell Inc.	Gravel/Rock	1,485.00
Fastenal Company	Supplies	6.55
Great Plains Comm	Telephone	102.69
IRS	County Share SS/Med	749.45
JM Parts & Equip	Repairs	15.66
McPherson Co. Inheritance	Reimbursement Payments	3,925.25
Ronald Munson	Supplies	15.75
Murphy Tractor	Grader Warranty	15,600.00
Neal Oil	Heating/Fuel/Repairs	2,889.35
Power Plan	Maintenance	172.27
Stapleton Enterprise	Publishing	12.07
TC Engineering	Highway Supt	750.00
Titan Machinery	Repairs	185.90
Troyer Enterprises	Shop Supplies	417.64

<b>FAIR</b>		
Ideal Linen	Supplies	33.41
Arlan Paxton	Postal Svcs	22.00
Arlan Paxton/Treasurer	Fair Premium	922.50

<b>Senior Meal Program</b>		
Prairie Hills Café	Senior Meals	2,550.00

Leo Dailey was present and discussed replacing the outhouse toilets in the Tryon park. Leo will inquire about the cost of renting one and disposing of the old units.

At 9:30 AM the commissioners met with a representative from the Healing Hearts and Families Diversion Program. Representative Jessica presented the board members with information about a Multi-County Three Year Juvenile Services Plan. If awarded, this proposal will allow Healing Hearts & Families to employ Diversion Specialists, responsible for implementing strategies to address the most urgent priorities identified in their Juvenile Services Plan, with a focus on implementing a diversion program along with drug/alcohol and bullying prevention activities for youth. Bryant made a motion to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the program. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Nason.



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The commissioners discussed roads with Ed Black. Ed reports that the Road Department has completed 6 auto-gates. There are now a total of 7 auto-gates ready to be installed throughout the county. Also discussed was the need for replacement tires on the back of the drag tractor. These tires will be replaced when needed.

Ed discussed the current condition of the dump and the tree pile in Tryon. The county will look into renting a roll-off container to clean up items which have been placed at the dump. There are many items being taken to the dump which are not supposed to be dumped at that location.

The gate to the tree pile will be closed beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a lock on the gate and a sign directing citizens to call Ed Black or Tom Burch if they need access to the tree pile. The gate will be open on the first Saturday of each month beginning in April. The County requests that TREES ONLY be dumped in the tree pile. There will be a separate pile for grass clippings.

There was a Request for Road Work for building a road leading to a new residence which is under construction off of N. Mail Road in Ward Estates. The county will begin the process of drawing up an easement for the landowner to sign. The request will be re-visited in March, for possible addition to the Road Plan.

The West end of Hall Church Road, where it intersects with Highway 97 was examined and discussed. This area may be involved in the Highway 97 Project which is going to be completed by the State Department of Transportation.

At 10:00 AM, the annual One & Six Year Road Plan Hearing was held in the courtroom. Those present were, Jeff Arensdorf, John Bryant, Whitney Lindstedt, Tom Werblow, Ed Black and Kathy Hoberg. Everyone was given a pamphlet containing the forms and details of the plan. Tom Werblow addressed the board about the plan. Arensdorf made a motion to adopt and sign **Resolution #2021-11** adopting the One & Six Year Road Plan for 2021. Bryant seconded. Voting Aye: Arensdorf and Bryant. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Nason. The hearing was closed at 10:30 AM.

Caleb Johnson was present and addressed the commissioners about the upcoming budget season. Bryant moved to sign a two-year agreement with Johnson for preparation of the budget documents and summaries and submission of the document to the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts. The fee to the county will be \$1700.00 plus mileage for each fiscal year. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Nason.

There was a Safety Committee Meeting held with presentation of Covid Safety Measures given by Tom Werblow. Present for the meeting were, Jeff Arensdorf, John Bryant, Whitney Lindstedt, Kathy Hoberg and Ed Black.

Motion made by Bryant, seconded by Arensdorf to adopt and sign **Resolution #2021-8**, authorizing the County Attorney and McPherson County Sheriff to retain Jon S. Schroeder on a per case basis to represent the County when the County Attorney is unavailable and in the event the County Attorney has a conflict of interest that prevents her from representing McPherson County. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Nason.

Bryant moved to adopt and sign **Resolution #2021-10** Agreement between the County of McPherson and State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation, concerning the improvement project of Highway N-97. Arensdorf seconded. Voting Aye: Bryant and Arensdorf. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Nason.

Kathy Hoberg, McPherson County Assessor, presented the board with a Tax List Correction for Personal Property Schedule #600044066. There was a clerical error on the schedule which requires a correction to the Tax Roll. The Correction was signed by Vice-Chairman Arensdorf.



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Whitney Lindstedt, McPherson County Attorney, discussed with the commissioners, a McPherson/Logan County Interlocal Agreement on a county road located 10 ½ miles North of Highway 92. John Bryant will contact a Logan County Commissioner to discuss this agreement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM. The board will meet again for their next regular monthly meeting on March 10, 2021.

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Katherine E. Hoberg, McPherson County Clerk